They are said to be very prolific, having families of eight to ten children, but the infant mortality is so extremely heavy that their numbers increase very slowly: this mortality is probably due to the cold, damp climate of the Mau Forests, which are at an altitude ranging from 7,000 to 9,000 feet.

Their game ceremony consists of cutting off a dog's ears, and the contracting parties then spatter one another with the blood.

They live principally on Colobus and other monkeys, which they shoot in the forest. At certain seasons, however, they go and hunt big game on the plains, known as the Ewaguis Nyuki; they wait till the grass is dry, and then burn it to facilitate their hunting. They use poisoned arrows for big game, and unpoisoned ones for monkeys, &c. They train dogs to assist in their hunting, and are very keen to get young dogs for the purpose. They told me that they first gave the dog certain medicines, and the animal would then track game.

They are very clever elephant hunters, and informed me that when they came across an elephant they went off and hutted and watched themselves very carefully to remove all trace of the human scent; and that they were then able to approach a sleeping elephant and spear it with a poisoned dart.

They are most expert in the use of a firestick. The fire is produced in the ordinary way by the friction of one stick upon round vertically in a depression in another piece of wood, which is held firm between the bare feet of the operator; the lower piece of wood appeared to be the juniper of Mau.

A small vocabulary of their language is appended on the opposite page. They use the Nandi consonants.

The guttal "kh" and the sibilant "sh," "zh" and "ch," are, I think, brought in from the Nandi language, but most of the roots will be found to be quite distinct. Many of the tribe can only speak Nandi, and when collecting this vocabulary in many cases they appeared to have forgotten the Ogiek or Ombik word but gave the Nandi word, and had to consult among themselves and, as it were, hunt up the proper word. The language is thus evidently dropping into such disuse that it will probably become quite extinct in the near future.

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843 pendants, beads, chains, or even a head of small livestock.

During the last two months before her confinement the woman is given only a meager diet, so that the birth will be easier. Here, too, as among the Masai, the pregnant woman wears no ornaments. [801] [171]
On the day of the confinement the husband may not leave the camp.
844 His mother or mother-in-law acts as midwife. Besides the obstetric
[171] methods of the Masai, there also exists here the custom that the husband, to increase the labor-pain activity, perhaps moistens with his saliva the chest, abdomen, and back of the woman giving birth and then massages them gently with circular movements. While doing so, he several times calls out the words: "Mighty God, let the child come out!" The umbilical cord (os ntua) is severed with a razor-knife (hesera) and then, together with the placenta, buried in the hut. It is not the object of superstitious customs. It is regarded [777] as unlucky if the child's upper incisors come through before the lower [856] ones: it is believed that this will cause illness or death in the family.
846 The young mother may not leave the hut until five days after her confinement, out of consideration for her health, not for superstitious
853 reasons. The suckling period lasts one and a half to two years. Besides mother's milk, the little one is stuffed with a great deal of the fat of game, of which that of the large pachyderms is particularly valued as infant food.

845 Deformed newborn children are killed by strangulation by the
847 midwife immediately after birth. The highest figure known to me
• 163 /343/ of confinements of one woman was 11. From 27 aged Asa women questioned, 154 children were born, which gives an average of 5.7 per woman. Of these, 81, therefore 52.6 per cent, were
165 girls, and 73, therefore 47.4 per cent, were boys. Before their circumcision 70 = 45.5 per cent had died, in which the stillbirths
591 are included. Until their circumcision the children live in the hut of the mother.

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142 Many smallpox scars on the face. Nose medium-sized and broad: root of the nose rather flat toward the forehead: bridge slightly convex: tip medium-pointed and directed straight out: nostrils roundish: alae moderately puffed out, their lower edge slightly curved upward. /430/ Lips very moderately thick. The two medial incisors of the lower jaw have been pried out. Between the corresponding upper ones, which are directed somewhat forward, there is a gap of 3 mm. The teeth are rather considerably ground down from the inside and tip toward the outside and bottom (outward grinding). For many nothing at all of the original enamel of the chewing surfaces is present any longer. The teeth are medium-sized and rather broad, the latter in part conditioned by considerable grinding. The ear lobes are considerably enlarged: the upper auricle-edges pierced three times. The breasts are pendulous, conical, moderately large, and, with the emaciation of the individual, rather flat. They run out to a point at the nipple, without the latter appearing sharply set off at first glance. The areola of the nipple is large and of the color of the nipple. The latter is large and projecting. Foot medium-arched. First toe juts out. The hand is medium slender. Nails small, long, narrow. Legs rather thin. The shanks bear the marks of having endured rickets. Togóni has given birth to one child.

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No. XXXX /sic: read XXXXI/.

Gaimoroneyá.♀, about 35 years old, a native of the steppe south of Kilimandscharo. Lineage: El kibujuni.

♂ El kibujuni ♀ El mutigo ♂ El barutigo ♀ En dorobbo

♂ ♀

♀ Gaimoroneyá.

Emaciated. Because of this, as well as because of age, the soft parts are flabby. Skin color: forehead, cheek, chest gray-reddish-brown (29), palm of hand and nipples dark gray-reddish-brown (28), a very rare dark coloring for the former. Back of hand black-reddish-brown (27). Color of the iris: dark gray-yellow-brown (2). Palpebral

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142 fissure set somewhat obliquely and slit wide. Head hair shaved. Head, from the crown view, rounded, egg-shaped with narrow front end, very moderately rounded, almost flattened at the occiput. Crown is arched and lies toward the back. Glacciput high, occiput more strongly arched out. Face pointed-oval. Profile shows quite slight general prognathism. Chin projecting. Hair edging of the forehead angular-crooked. Forehead high, steep, full-arched. Nose medium-sized, high, broad. Root of nose flat toward forehead. Bridge of nose straight, tip blunt and directed straight out. Nostrils roundish, alae flat, their lower edge slightly curved upward. Lips thin. The two medial lower incisors have been pried out. Through this the two corresponding upper ones, between which there is a natural gap of 7 mm., have been ground off most strangely. The chewing surfaces on both teeth stand at an angle of 55° to their inner lateral edges and have been ground off concave on the outer halves, convex on the inner ones. A very considerable grinding also appears on the outer upper and lower incisors and on the canines. The teeth are small and broad. Both ear-lobes considerably /431/ stretched, the upper auricle-edges each pierced twice. The breasts are pendulous, conical, flat, and shrunken because of emaciation and age. Foot medium-arched. Second toe juts out. Hand slender, long-fingered. Nails large, long,
• [163] narrow. Legs thin, straight. The woman has given birth to four children.

No. XXXII /sic: read XXXXIII/.

Malimęg, ♀, about 30 years old, a native of the steppe south of the Litema Mountains. Lineage: El muiigo.

♂ El muiigo ♀ En doroboni ♂ L. eng-adji-nanjugi ♀ El mamasita

♀ Malimęg.

Medium fat. Tonus of the soft parts medium firm. Skin color: forehead and cheek dark gray-reddish-brown (between 28 and 29), chest somewhat darker (28), nipples a shade darker still (between 27 and 28), back of hand black-reddish-brown (27), palm of hand gray-reddish-brown (between 29 and 30). Color of the iris: dark-gray--yellow-brown

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142 (2). Palpebral fissure set somewhat obliquely and slit wide. Head hair shaved. Head, from the crown view, rounded, egg-shaped with narrow front end, somewhat flattened at the occiput. From the occipital view, crown and parietal protuberances project angularly. Crown is arched and lies toward the back. Sinciput high, occiput more strongly arched out. Face is broad-oval and in profile orthognathous. Hair edging of the forehead angular-crooked. Forehead high, steep, full-arched. Nose medium-sized, low, rather broad, root of nose flat toward the forehead, bridge of nose somewhat concave, tip blunt and directed straight out, nostrils roundish, alae flat. Lips thin. The two middle lower incisors have been pried out. The gap arising from that has had the effect that the grinding down of the corresponding upper incisors has not taken place parallel to the original chewing surfaces. Rather, the latter stand at an angle of 75° to the (vertical) inner edges of their teeth. The left outer incisor of the upper jaw is missing. It has been pried out, allegedly because it was painful. In general the teeth are small and broad. The ear lobes are considerably enlarged, upper edges of the auricles doubly pierced. The breasts are pendulous, conical, and rather large. The areola of the nipples is very large and a glimmer lighter than the nipple. The latter is very large, strikingly big and projecting. Foot medium-arched. First toe juts out. Hand slender, long-fingered. Nails small, as long as they are broad. Legs thin and straight. Woman has given birth to four children. [163] [304] and is looking forward to her fifth confinement. A large tattooing on the abdomen.

No. XXXXIII.

Sanaschi, ♀, about 28 years old, a native of the steppe south of Kilimandscharo. Lineage: 'L eng-adji-nanjugi.

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♂ 'L eng-adji-nanjugi ♀ El morinjero ♂ El barmangig ♀ El ba-indé

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♀ Sanaschi

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142 Medium fat. Soft parts medium firm. Skin color: forehead and cheek dark gray-reddish-brown (between 28 and 29), chest and palm of hand somewhat darker (28), back of hand and nipple black-reddish-
[304] brown (27). Larger tattooing on the abdomen. Color of the iris: dark-gray--yellow-brown (between 1 and 2). Palpebral fissure set somewhat obliquely and slit wide. Head hair shaved. Head, from the crown view, rounded, egg-shaped with narrow front end, moderately rounded at the occiput. Transverse profile of the occipital view symmetrically rounded. Crown is arched and lies toward the back. Sinciput high, occiput more strongly arched out. Face pointed-oval. Profile slight general prognathism. Chin somewhat projecting. Hair edging of the forehead angular-crooked. Forehead high, steep, full-arched, clearly visible frontal protuberances. Nose medium-sized, low, broad; saddle nose; root of nose very moderately deepened toward forehead; bridge concave; tip blunt and directed straight out; nostrils roundish, alae flat, their lower edge slightly curved upward. Lips moderately thick. The two lower medial incisors have been pried out. Between the two corresponding upper ones there is a natural gap of 5 mm.; through grinding the chewing surface of the left one stands at an angle of 60°, that of the right one at an angle of 75°, to the (vertical) inner edge of its tooth. Analagous to the grinding down of the middle incisors is that of the outer ones and of the canines on each side. The set of teeth is strikingly ugly because of the grinding down of the teeth. The teeth are medium-sized to small. The ear lobes are considerably stretched, the upper ear-edges doubly pierced. Breasts pendulous, conical, large, rather flat. Areola of the nipples large and of the color of the nipple. The latter is medium-sized and not very projecting. Foot medium-arched; first toe juts out. Hand medium slender. Nails small, as long as they are broad. Legs rather sturdy and, except for a rachitic curvature
• [163] at the shanks, straight. Woman has given birth to four children.